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RYBQT TYPIC KEYWAY VASLOUCH

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C/S COMMENTS: VASLOUCH-2 CALL STATION 11.  
 DEC 11 DIFFICULTY WITH MEXICAN CUSTOMS ON  
 BAGGAGE.

1. STATION OFFICER ACCOMPANIED VASLOUCH-2 AGAIN TO AIRPORT MORNING 13 DEC. AFTER ROUTINE DELAY ADMITTED TO AIR CARGO AREA. DOCTOR'S CASE INSPECTED. THIS TIME TWO BOTTOM STUFFS ONLY WERE MISSING. VASLOUCH-2 HAD INSPECTED DAY PREVIOUSLY AND FOUND THREE OF FOUR MISSING. NOTE THAT FIRST INSPECTION WAS IN ANOTHER BUILDING. CONSEQUENTLY BETWEEN TIME VASLOUCH-2 SAW BAG 12 DEC AND 1030 MORNING SOMEONE HAD INSERTED ONE MISSING STUFF-5000. VASLOUCH-2 SAYS SHE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN BUT NOT MISTAKEN CONCERNING ABOVE.

2. DOCTOR'S BAG AND OTHER FIVE PIECES REMOVED FROM CARGO AREA BUT WERE NOT PASSED BY BUILDING DOOR INSPECTOR WHO INSISTED ON OPENING ALL SIX PIECES. VASLOUCH-2 PROTESTED. CHARGE HER LOCAL EMBASSY CONTACTED AND HE SPOKE ON TELEPHONE TO CUSTOMS OFFICIAL TO NO AVAIL. VASLOUCH-2 THEN SAW CHIEF AIRPORT CUSTOMS WHO REITERATED FACT THAT PARCELS WOULD BE INSPECTED

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UNLESS LOCAL EMBASSY OBTAINED FREE ENTRY. STATED REASON WAS  
BAGGAGE ARRIVED "DESTINATION MEXICO" RATHER THAN "IN TRANSIT".  
CUSTOMS CHIEF REFUSED RECONSIDER EVEN AFTER OFFER OF BRIBE BY  
VASLOUCH-2.

3. BY THIS TIME PRACTICALLY EVERY CARCO AND CUSTOMS OFFICIAL  
AIRPORT AWARE OF SITUATION AND OF ASSISTANCE BEING GIVEN  
VASLOUCH-2 BY STATION OFFICER WHOSE MEXICAN FACE WAS BECOMING  
LESS AND LESS FINNISH.

4. PARCELS WERE RETURNED AIR CARCO STORAGE AREA. ALL  
INCLUDING DOCTOR'S BAG WERE FINELY PACKED. VASLOUCH-3 THEN  
TURNED OVER PAPERS TO LOCAL EMBASSY WHICH WILL OBTAIN FREE  
ENTRY AND KEEP ALL PARCELS HERE. VASLOUCH-1 WILL TRAVEL HERE SOON  
AFTER 7 JAN TO RECOVER THEM. CONSEQUENTLY STATION WILL NOT HAVE  
ACCESS TO DOCTOR'S BAG UNTIL THAT DATE.

5. VASLOUCH-2 TALKED TO VASLOUCH-1 AFTERNOON 12 DEC.  
LATTER INSISTED SHE RETURN PERUVIAN FLIGHT 13 DEC AS HER  
EMPLOYERS WERE PROTESTING LATE ARRIVAL.

THIS COMBINED WITH VASLOUCH-2 FEAR THAT DOCTOR'S BAG HAS BEEN  
TAMPERED WITH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE PERSUADE HER REMAIN HERE LONGER.  
SHE PLANS DEPART 13 DEC IF FLIGHT LEAVES. IT NOW CONFIRMED AS  
DELAYED AND MAY NOT DEPART UNTIL 14 DEC.

6. LAST FIRM STATION CONTACT WITH VASLOUCH-2 IS AT 1500  
LOCAL 13 DECEMBER. CANNOT PROMISE ANY INSTRUCTIONS OR GUIDANCE  
FROM HQS WILL REACH HER VIA STATION AFTER THAT HOUR.

7. REJECT THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND FACT THAT RS-45 WILL BE  
HELD (IF IT STILL IN DOCTOR'S CASE) FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. UNDER  
CIRCUMSTANCES FELT FURTHER STATION INVOLVEMENT AND MORE PRECIPITATE  
ACTION CONSTITUTED UNACCEPTABLE SECURITY RISK.

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